



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board

Notes

The Citizen Police Advisory Review Board met on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Downtown Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Susan Thornton
Tom Clark
Cindy Schiesel, Chair
Ray Siqueiros
Michael Elsner

Representing:

Mayor
Ward 2
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Members Absent:

Vicki Hart, Vice Chair

Ward 3

Advisory Members Present:

Daniel Knieter
Bruce Cameron

Ex-Officio Non Voting Members Present:

Captain Rozema, Tucson Police Department
Liana Perez, Equal Opportunity Employment, Independent Police Auditor

Others Present:

Lieutenant Wilson, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Bob Jimenez, Tucson Police Department
Officer Jennifer Ledford, Tucson Police Department
Officer Joe Puglia, Tucson Police Department
Intern Jason Garrels, Tucson Police Department
Intern Matthew Talbot, Tucson Police Department
Steve Slaff, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Beth Tidwell, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Notes of May 16, 2006

Motion by Susan Thornton, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 to approve the notes of May 16, 2006 with the following corrections: Item 3 had a correction on the spelling of the name Pat Birnie and Item 5 had a correction on the spelling of the name Susan Thorpe.

3. Call to the Audience

(Note: This item was taken out of order and considered after item 7)

4. Introduction of New Member

Chair Schiesel introduced Ray Siqueiros.

Ray Siqueiros said he was an educator and a native to Tucson. He would be representing Ward 5.

5. Officer of Independent Police Auditor

A. Outreach Report

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor, informed the Board that she had given out information about her office and the Citizen's Police Advisory Review Board to participants at the Citizen Police Academy and Wingspan. Ms. Perez said she appeared on a Sunday morning show hosted by Leila Catan informing the public about what she did and how she could be contacted. Ms. Perez said her office had been making public service announcements on Spanish stations since May.

B. Monthly Contacts

Ms. Perez said because of the outreach, her office had received a total of nine complaints about the April 10, 2006 immigration rally. She said they were third party complaints. Meaning they were not incidents that involved the person making the complaint directly. Ms. Perez said she and Lieutenant Wilson reviewed each complaint in order to see if there was anything needing attention. She said she reviewed the videos available and the Use of Force forms filled out by the Tucson Police Department officers from April 10, 2006. Ms. Perez said that for the August meeting she would bring the Board a copy of each complaint and her response to it.

Chair Schiesel asked if they created a subcommittee would it be possible to view the tapes from the April 10, 2006 event in the near future.

Ms. Perez said yes.

Chair Schiesel asked who would like to be part of the subcommittee.

Ray Siqueiros, Bruce Cameron, Tom Clark and Michael Elsner said they would like to be on the subcommittee.

Chair Schiesel informed Captain Rozema that she would contact him to set up a time for the subcommittee to view the videos from the immigration demonstration.

6. Tucson Police Department

A. TPD Updates

Captain Terry Rozema, Tucson Police Department, said the new Operations Division at Flowing Wells was coming along faster than anticipated. He said there was going to be a groundbreaking ceremony for the new evidence building. Captain Rozema said the Automated Field Reporting (AFR) system was now being utilized by the

department. He said there was an one hundred fifty thousand dollar grant given toward the Police Memorial Park and everyone was invited to the dedication on August 1, 2006. Captain Rozema informed the Board that August 1, 2006 was National Night Out. He said the Tucson Police Department would be holding an award ceremony for their officers at the Leo Rich Theater on July 19, 2006 and everyone was invited.

B. Office of Internal Affairs

Lieutenant Rick Wilson, Tucson Police Department, stated the new detective, Eric Johnson, was doing a good job.

Lieutenant Wilson said he would get the Board a copy of the Annual Use of Force report for the August meeting.

7. Random Review of TPD Cases

A. Case #06-0022

Bruce Cameron asked Captain Rozema why the call was not recorded.

Captain Rozema explained some lines in a police station are equipped to record and some were not.

Case #06-0022 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation by a voice vote of 5-0.

B. Case #06-0052

Tom Clark asked what a Jay John Report was.

Lieutenant Wilson explained a Jay John Report was a miscellaneous incident that was low priority.

Michael Elsner asked who does counseling for officers.

Captain Rozema said there was a discipline matrix that was followed. Each case was looked at individually to determine the type of discipline needed. He said there was a Discipline Review committee that follows up on corrective cases.

Chair Schiesel asked how long had that board been in effect.

Captain Rozema said for over a year.

Case #06-0052 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation by a voice vote of 5-0.

C. Case #06-0060

Susan Thornton asked if there had been a follow up with the two other people who were involved in the car jacking.

Lieutenant Wilson said that there was follow up done regarding that portion of the incident.

Chair Schiesel asked if there were guidelines for dealing with sexual assault victims.

Lieutenant Wilson said the officers were trained in policy and procedures. He said they could attend specialized training if needed.

Susan Thornton asked in this particular case, was the scenario the officers used with the alleged victim normal protocol.

Lieutenant Wilson said the scenario was used after many inconsistencies were heard from the victim during the interview. It was not a normal scenario that was used in every sexual assault case.

Captain Rozema said he thought it was an excellent scenario to use in this case.

Case #06-0060 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation by a voice vote of 5-0.

3. Call to the Audience

(Note this item was taken out of order)

Steve Slaff from the Southern Arizona Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) requested that the Board put the question of “when should the police step in at a demonstration when intimidation and threats were being used” on a future agenda.

8. Recess

By consensus, the Board decided to forego a recess.

9. Comments to Mayor and Council

Chair Schiesel commented on number two referring to the conflicts that occurred at the Recruitment office on Speedway.

Captain Rozema said there were no formal complaints of violence occurring at the recruitment office.

Michael Elsner asked why names and personal information were whited out on the complaint form.

Captain Rozema said it was to protect the individual since permission had not been granted from them to give out the comments they made.

Ray Siqueiros said he understood the police could not react to everything people say, but if this group had been saying for a long time that something was going to happen the police should not wait and should be present at the demonstrations.

Captain Rozema stated that the police had been at the protest for two years and they became the issue. He said there had been threats of something serious happening for over seven months from both sides. He said the police had offered mediation between the two groups and they did not want it. He said because of the first amendment laws he could not make one group stand on one side of the road and position the other group on

the other side of the road. Captain Rozema said that after watching the video that Susan Thorpe had shown he did not see any violations being committed.

Chair Schiesel asked what was being done about the complaints people were making about the swap meet on Valencia.

Officer Ledford, Tucson Police Department, said the police were aware of it, but it was happening on private property so there was not much they could do.

Chair Schiesel asked if the property owner had been contacted so that a sign could be posted that would allow the police to have the ability to enforce more.

Officer Ledford said she would check with her Captain.

10. Report on Website

No report was given.

11. Report of Application Process for New Advisory Members-Review of Interview Questions and Review of Letters to be Sent to Applicants

Chair Schiesel asked the Board if the questions she had sent them in their packets where acceptable for the interview process.

Motion by Susan Thornton, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0 to approve the interview questions.

12. Chairperson's Summary of Current Events

Chair Schiesel announced that the City of Tucson had given the Board money to send two representatives to the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) convention.

Liana Perez said that she would send each member an email with the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement conference agenda.

13. Future Agenda Items

Chair Schiesel said Deputy Chief Miller would be at the August meeting to discuss the April 10, 2006 demonstration.

Chair Schiesel reminded the Board that their training day was October 21, 2006.

Michael Elsner asked if they could put the demonstrations that occur at the Speedway Recruitment office and the incidents that occurred on May 11, 2006 on the agenda as separate items from the demonstration presentation that Deputy Chief Miller would be addressing.

Ray Siqueiros asked that there be something about community out reach to minorities especially Latino youth.

14. Adjournment – 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Susan Thornton, duly seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0, to adjourn.